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SUBJECT: MFA REJECTS WALLENBERG CASE PETITIONS SENT
BY SENATOR HOWARD CANNON

REF: (A) MOSCOW 12870, (B) STATE 55157

1. ON AUGUST 22, UNDER A LETTER SIGNED BY ACTING
USA DEPARTMENT CHIEF ANTOLI MYSHKOV, THE SOVIET MFA
RETURNED THE WALLENBERG CASE PETITIONS SENT TO US
BY NEVADA SENATOR HOWARD CANNON. THESE PETITIONS
HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE MFA ON AUGUST 12, UNDER
LETTER SIGNED BY ACTING POLCONS (REFTEL A).

2. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF
MYSHKOV'S LETTER: DEAR MR. DJEREJIAN: IN CONNECTION
WITH YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 12, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL
YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT, WHICH MUST BE WELL KNOWN
TO THE AMERICAN SIDE, THAT THE SOVIET UNION IN 1957
INFORMED SWEDEN ABOUT THE FACT THAT R. WALLENBERG
DIED IN 1947. IN RESPONSE TO THE CORRESPONDING
INQUIRIES, EXPLANATIONS TO THIS EFFECT HAVE ALREADY
BEEN MADE TO THE USA STATE DEPARTMENT. IT IS
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SPECULATIONS ARE SEIZED UPON AND PETITIONS ARE DISSEMINATED, THE BASIS OF WHICH IS NOT AN INTEREST IN THE "FATE OF WALLENBERG" BUT RATHER AN EFFORT TO POISON THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE AND IN PARTICULAR SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HAVING IN MIND THE ABOVE, THE PETITIONS FORWARDED WITH YOUR LETTER ARE BEING RETURNED.

3. COPIES OF THE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND THE ORIGINALS OF THE PETITIONS ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV. ASSUME DEPT. WILL INFORM SEN. CANNON.

4. COMMENT: THE SOVIET RESPONSE IS EVEN MORE UNINFORMATIVE THAN THE SOVIET NON-PAPER DELIVERED TO EUR DAS BARRY ON FEBRUARY 29, 1980 (REFTEL B). GIVEN SOVIET STONEMALLING ON THIS CASE, WE DOUBT WHETHER THE SOVIETS WILL ACCEPT ANY FUTURE PETITIONS TRANSMITTED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH THEM FROM TIME TO TIME TO INDICATE OUR INTEREST IN A FULL EXPLANATION OF WALLENBERG'S FATE. END COMMENT. GARRISON

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